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## Why Courageous Cuentos?

*Courageous Cuentos is important to me because it provides a space for anyone who has an experience they feel others could benefit from hearing and students who might not have much of a voice in the local community and on campus. These stories have deep meaning to each author with messages embedded that they want the world to hear, that would otherwise go unheard.*

Gary Nabarrete

*Courageous Cuentos creates a space for Latinx/Chicanx students to have an outlet for telling their stories through life barriers, their identity and what their definition of home is. I grew up writing poems and when I came to HSU, I started to write poems about my experiences being a first- generation student and the experiences that shape who I am today. Courageous Cuentos is space where stories are told, homes are recreated and for me a place of self-discovery.*

Esdra Briseño

*Courageous Cuentos is important to HSU because it showcases alternative narratives. It provides a voice and an outlet for the underrepresented. It increases the visibility of these counternarratives. It also shows the resilience of people who're choosing to speak up for those who can't. I couldn't be more proud to be a part of a journal like this, and I can't wait for it to continue to grow.*

Dajonea Robinson

*Courageous Cuentos is able to give a voice to those whose voices have been minimized and not heard. It gives a space to be able to share those stories that are not known and experiences that show the identity, resilience, and transformations that the authors have overcome.*

Heidi Andino

*Courageous Cuentos is important to HSU because it gives the Latinx/ Chicanx student body an opportunity to have a voice. Courageous Cuentos allows us to share our stories on what we have learned and how we continue to grow.*

*Alyssa Fernandez*

*Courageous Cuentos is a refreshing and necessary addition to Humboldt State University in its 3rd edition and was instantly something I knew I wanted to be a part of. It is an opportunity for communities to engage with the real stories immortalized through prose, poem, and creativity. These counter-narratives are crucial to breaking down barriers and empowering community building in Humboldt County and beyond.*

*Marí Lopez*

*I believe Courageous Cuentos is important to HSU because representation coming from students themselves has the potential and power to help and inform incoming students that their experience is valid. Therefore, space is provided to have those voices be heard and actualized.*

*Jocelyn Bolanos*

*HSU is a predominantly white space so it is important to acknowledge the hardships that have been overcome to get to HSU and to celebrate the journeys of those who are here. Courageous Cuentos gives the opportunity that isn't always offered to students of color to publish their work and share their stories.*

*Mayra Sanchez*

*I believe Courageous Cuentos is important to HSU because it provides students who identify as Latinx/Chicanx the opportunity to talk about their lived experiences here at HSU. It is an opportunity for them to discuss their resilience, struggles, and barriers. It is an opportunity for them to occupy space in the world and show those who come from other marginalized groups that they are not alone and for those who oppress that they are here.*

*Pablo Hernandez*

*We are used to the same type of narrative and Courageous Cuentos gives the students here at HSU the opportunity to publish their narratives, our narratives, the narratives that are oftentimes erased in education. Our publishing gives us, the others, a chance to have our voice heard, a chance to courageously tell our stories and prove that we can exist in spaces where we once thought we couldn't like in the published world.*

*Alexandro Ochoa*

*I think that this journal is very important to have on campus as a written record of counternarratives for people coming to Humboldt. It is also important to have an outlet source for us to submit all kinds of expressions of writings for students that identify as Latinx.*

*Lindsey Graul*

*I feel like Courageous Cuentos is important to Humboldt State because you can see the different types of stories and journeys people have shared to the community. It is also important for people to be able to express these pieces whether it's through a poem, a quote, or even a short story of an event that happened in their lives, because not everyone has the same way of expressing themselves. In addition, Courageous Cuentos shows how much power and emotions the author is conveying to the readers.*

*Martin Gordillo*

*Creating a book such as Courageous Cuentos gives our generation a voice in today's society. We are able to come together as individuals to share our stories of the obstacles that we have endured, and connect in a completely new and different way. Through sharing these stories we learn that we aren't alone in the trials that we go through and that there is a positive community that is there for us, and we are a part of. That is something that is incredibly important in a place such as Humboldt, where just our existence is seen and treated as unwelcome because we're different one way or another.*

*Alexis Botello*

*Courageous Cuentos is very important for marginalized groups that are here at HSU, it allows us to have a space to be proud of who we are, and share our stories without having to conform to the dominant narrative that we have been forced in. Through Courageous Cuentos, writers, of all levels and backgrounds, have the opportunity to be able to submit pieces that would otherwise be put on the backburner. Courageous Cuentos has the ability to help maintain a movement of resistance for students on campus and in this community.*

*Elissa Rodriguez*

*Courageous Cuentos is vital here at HSU because of the fact that it is a predominately white space leaving a very small window for the voices of P.O.C to be shared and heard. The journal helps amplify our voices and experiences, allowing us to make our presence known. It's important for us to share our experiences being a person of color because we may never know the kind of impact of can have on ourselves and others.*

*Maritza Galvan*

*Courageous Cuentos is important to Humboldt State University because it gives a platform to counter-narratives made by students. This is vital for a campus like HSU because it is rare.*

*Antonio Sanchez*

*Courageous Cuentos is important to HSU because it allows students to speak their truth through writing and artwork in an inclusive, welcoming publication. Having the opportunity to share your story that would otherwise be pushed aside is a powerful experience.*

*Carmen Bravo*